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SUBJECT:

Kuwait goodwill mission to Iraq, will  
inform Iraqi Government that they are  
unwilling to enter into further negotiations  
pending IRAQI unconditioned recognition of  
KUWAIT

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Dear Chancery,

Letter reference to you

Tel. No. 138 of March 24,  
the U.S. Embassy.

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Your telegram No. 149 [of March 28:

Iraq/Kuwait Relations].

~~The~~ U.S. Embassy have shown us a telegram  
from the Charge in Kuwait reporting <sup>further statements</sup> ~~remarks~~  
by the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister <sup>on the</sup> ~~additional~~ to  
<sup>talks held in Baghdad.</sup> ~~these reported in your telegram No. 138 [of~~  
~~March 24].~~

2. Sabah Ahmad said that the discussion in  
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Arab brotherhood and solidarity. The question  
of Iraq's recognition of Kuwait was not even  
discussed, and nor was the question of a possible  
federation between the two States or financial  
assistance by Kuwait to Iraq. The Kuwait  
Foreign Minister understood that Iraq could not  
suddenly abandon the claim to Kuwait and was  
therefore not surprised that the Iraqi  
Government had made no offer of recognition.  
The Kuwait delegation <sup>however</sup> was convinced that Iraq  
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4. The Kuwaiti delegation thought that although the present Iraq Government was a great improvement it was still shaky and might easily fall apart.

5. We are sending copies of this to Chancelleries in Washington, Baghdad, Bahrain & Cairo.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

March 29, 1963.

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Yours ever,

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The Chancery,  
British Embassy,  
Kuwait.